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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to elections; amending s. 3 97.041, F.S.; providing for automatic restoration of former felons' right to vote 4 5 following completion and satisfaction of sentence of incarceration and community б 7 supervision; providing conditions on such 8 automatic restoration; providing a conditional effective date. 9 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 13 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 14 97.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 15 97.041 Qualifications to register or vote .--16 (2) The following persons, who might be otherwise qualified, are not entitled to register or vote: 17 (b) A person who has been convicted of any felony by 18 19 any court of record; however, such a person's right to 20 register or vote is automatically restored by operation of law 1 year after completion and satisfaction of all sentences 21 22 imposed upon such person. For the purposes of this paragraph, 'completion and satisfaction of all sentences" occurs when a 23 person is released from incarceration upon expiration of 24 25 sentence and has achieved or completed all other nonmonetary 26 terms and conditions of the sentence or subsequent supervision 27 or, if the person has not been incarcerated for the felony 28 offense, has achieved or completed all nonmonetary terms and 29 conditions of community supervision imposed by a court and who has not had his or her right to vote restored pursuant to law. 30 31 If a majority of the Board of Executive Clemency objects 1

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before the automatic restoration of the right to register or vote, such rights shall be restored only upon application to, and approval by, the Board of Executive Clemency. Section 2. This act shall take effect on the effective date of Senate Joint Resolution No. or another amendment to the State Constitution which authorizes, or removes б impediments to, enactment of this act by the Legislature. ***** SENATE SUMMARY Provides that a convicted felon who is incarcerated or is on probation, parole, or community control may not vote. Provides for restoration of that right 1 year after completion of the sentence, unless automatic restoration is objected to by a majority of the Board of Executive Clemency.

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